

record; and under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Gajewski and Ulrich patents of record.

The foregoing rejections are traversed by the present response.

Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which obviates the obviousness type double patenting rejection.

With regard to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a), Applicants believe claims 1 and 4-7 to be allowable for the reasons stated in the amendment filed on March 24, 2003, which are incorporated by reference herein.

With regard to the Examiner's argument in paragraph 6 of the office action, it simply fails to address the argument made by Applicants. Again, Gajewski ('599) does not enable the manufacture of polyurethane compounds of the type set forth in the claims and Ulrich does not cure this deficiency.

With regard to the Examiner's argument in paragraph 8, there is nothing which would indicate that Gillis' DETDA is a blend of diamines and is identical to Slagel's in any respect.

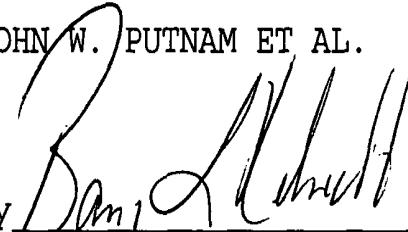
The instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

A Notice of Appeal is attached hereto. Please charge the Notice of Appeal fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition allowance, she is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number listed below.

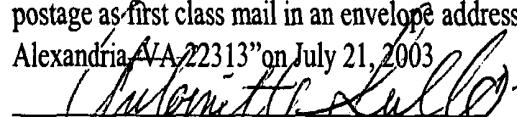
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